GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5857
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2001
DECLINE IN SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of petroleum products in the country has come down in comparison to the last year;

(b) if not, the quantity of petrol, diesel, Naphtha, Kerosene sold during 2000-2001; and

(c) the reasons for downfall in the sale of petroleum products ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) : Details are annexed.

DETAILS IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5857 FOR REPLY ON 26TH A 2001 REGARDING DECLINE IN SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

(a) & (b) : While there has been an increase in the sale of Petrol and Naphtha, there was some reduction in the sales of Kerosene and Diesel in the previous year. The quantity of petroleum products sold, including Parallel Marketing Scheme (PMS)/private imports for domestic consumption during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-01 is indicated below product-wise:

(Figures in TMT)

Products	1999-2000	2000-01	Growth (%)
Petrol	5909	6620	+12.0
Naphtha	10898	11753	+7.9
Kerosene	11898	11265	-5.3
Diesel (HSD)	39295	38227	-2.7

(c) : The reasons for reduction in sales volume of Kerosene as compared to the previous year are that Kerosene through Public Distribution System is an allocated product. However, due to release of a large number of new LPG connections, demand for the product was lower as compared to the previous year. There was also a reduction in sale of kerosene through PMS compared to the previous year, and is primarily attributed to the levy of high import duty to curb malpractices. In case of High Speed Diesel (HSD), the major reasons for the shortfall inter-alia were severe drought conditions in Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat and Rajasthan, shift in goods movement pattern from road to rail and general recession in the economy.